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## DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE 10/15/12

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### **Hurricane Isaac**

On August, 28<sup>th</sup> the storm intensified to a category 1 Hurricane. **More than 300 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members have been deployed to affected areas since the storm made landfall.**

### **LOUISIANA**

BATON ROUGE, LA

**NEW** Iowa Department of Natural Resources AmeriCorps

*October 15<sup>th</sup>*

5 members have been deployed under FEMA Mission Assignment in partnership with AmeriCorps St. Louis to support Volunteer Reception Centers in St. John's, St. Tammany's and Plaquemines Parishes. This deployment is expected to end on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Updated** Environmental Corps at American YouthWorks

*September 28<sup>th</sup>*

7 members have been deployed under FEMA Mission Assignment, working out of the Joint Field Office to support volunteer and donations management and long term recovery client support. This team will end their deployment on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**UPDATED** AmeriCorps St. Louis

*September 11<sup>th</sup>*

8 AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Corps members, deployed under FEMA Mission Assignment, have completed work with the Louisiana VOAD on the Temporary Roof Repair program. AmeriCorps St. Louis, continues to work in partnership with Iowa Department of Natural Resources AmeriCorps program and American YouthWorks to support Volunteer Reception Centers in St. John's, St. Tammany's and Plaquemines Parishes. This deployment is expected to end on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **MISSISSIPPI**

AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region

*September 26<sup>th</sup>*

A 10 member team has been deployed to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to support Volunteer Reception Centers coordinated by the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. The team will perform data entry, volunteer coordination, client intake, and disaster assessments. The area was impacted by flooding from Hurricane Isaac. The team arrived on September 26<sup>th</sup> and will end their deployment on October 19th.

### **WESTERN WILDFIRES**

Approximately 200 AmeriCorps members and RSVP volunteers deployed to fight wildfires, manage volunteers and donations, operate emergency shelters, and support call centers in Colorado, New

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Mexico and Utah since late June. Members of AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps State & National, and RSVP programs are working with federal, state, and local government agencies, the American Red Cross, the United Way, Adventist Community Services, and other organizations. Additional teams are being deployed as conditions evolve.

I mentioned last Friday that we had 4 fire fighters placed on a crew from MA to help get that crew up to the required 20 person size and that they could be deployed to the Pacific Northwest in a few days. Well we were just notified that they would be heading out of Logan Airport this evening headed to a staging area in OR. From there they will get their actual assignment to one of the fires burning there. Right now we are getting these 4 members linked up with the rest of the MA crew.

## OREGON WILDFIRES

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

September 18<sup>th</sup>

4 NCCC members have been deployed to Oregon to support wildfire suppression in Oregon. This is supporting wildfire firefighting operations on the Tabletop Fire.

## **NEW DISASTER EVENTS**

For information on new disaster events, please visit FEMA's daily situation report at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/index.shtm>

## Resources

### ***Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990***

The Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7, year-round crisis counseling and support. The Helpline is staffed by trained counselors from a network of crisis call centers located across the United States, all of whom provide:

- Crisis counseling for those who are in emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster
- Information on how to recognize distress and its effects on individuals and families
- Tips for healthy coping
- Disaster-specific resources and referral information.

### ***Colorado Wildfire Assistance***

For those interested in assisting those affected by the wildfires in Colorado, please visit:

[www.HelpColoradoNow.org](http://www.HelpColoradoNow.org). This website identifies ways to donate time or resources to those in need.

***If you would like to learn more about how you can assist communities affected by disaster visit***

***[www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov). If you would like to learn more about how to prepare your family and or community please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).***

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